

## Weiler honored for role as school resource officer

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**Former SRO and newly minted sergeant Friend Weiler has his sergeant's badge pinned on him by his wife Deirdre Monday night.**

On Monday, Duxbury Police Chief Matthew Clancy recognized the accomplishments of Officer Friend Weiler, a 17-year veteran of the force who was recently promoted to sergeant after serving as school resource officer for many years.

"He has been the face of this police department for 16 years as the school resource officer," said Clancy at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at Town Hall Monday. "We have a tremendous relationship with the schools that was fostered by this man's hard work."

Weiler, who grew up in town, graduated from Connecticut College in 1994 and earned his master's degree from Northeastern University in 1995. He began with the Duxbury Police Department full time in 1999 and became the school resource officer in 2001. He was the first Duxbury High School girls hockey coach and led his

teams to four state championships. He recently stepped down from that role to take on the sergeant's job.

"He had a tremendous run with the schools, but Friend has promoted himself out of that position," said Clancy.

Town Clerk Susan Kelley administered the oath of office to Weiler, who is the department's newest sergeant. His wife, Deirdre, pinned the sergeant's badge onto his uniform. Weiler, who was joined that night by his three sons and mother and father, former selectman and town moderator Friend Weiler Sr., was also recognized for his longevity as school resource officer with a citation issued by the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

### **New School Resource Officer Nick Jamali**

Clancy also introduced the new school resource officer, Nick Jamali, who took over from Weiler a few weeks ago. Jamali graduated in 2003 from Stonehill College with two bachelor's degrees, one in criminology and another in management. He worked as a patrol officer for Babson College in 2008 and began parttime with the Duxbury Police Department in 2012, gaining a full-time position in 2013.

Jamali, who is a cyber crimes investigator for the police, "is a tremendous asset to our department," said Clancy, adding that he was chosen from a field of seven applicants for the school resource officer position.